IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty. Docket No. (Opt.) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT ZIMM1230-2 Applicant Jim Freid **Application Number** Filed 10/735.976 December 15, 2003 For SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE HUMAN SPINE WITH A BONE PLATE Group Art Unit Examiner 3733 PHILOGENE, Pedro Confirmation Number: 4258 Certification of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 Commissioner for Patents I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22312-P.O. Box 1450 1450 via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Filing August 18, 2009. System (EFS-Web) on Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir, Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the

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Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this information is material to patentability of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from the listed information.

Respectfully submitted,

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